

# BYLAWS OF **COALITION OF ENERGY USERS**

## I. Name and Purpose

1. The name of the organization/agency/group shall be Coalition of Energy Users 2. Coalition of Energy Users shall be organized as a nonprofit 501c(4) public benefit corporation to advance the interests of energy users. Coalition of Energy Users is authorized under this purpose to represent the interests of residential customers, or to represent small commercial customers who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation.

## II. Board of Directors

- 1. The Board of Directors shall serve without pay and consist of up to 6 members.
- 2.To be eligible Board Members must support the interests of energy users in word and deed.
- 3.Board members shall serve two year terms.
- 4. Vacancies shall be filled by the Chair, with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.
- 5.Board members with three unexcused absences in a year shall be dismissed from the Board

#### III Officers

- 1. The officers of the board shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer nominated by the Board.
- 2. Elected officers will serve a term of one year.
- 3.(a) The Chair shall preside at all Board meetings, appoint committee members, and perform other duties as associated with the office. (b) The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in case of the Chair's absence. (c) The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the Board, keep all approved minutes in a minute book, and send out copies of minutes to all. (d) The Treasurer shall keep record of the organization's budget and prepare financial reports as needed.

#### IV. Committees

1. The Board may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

## V. Meetings

- 1. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly or as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- 2. Special meetings may be held at any time when called for by the Chair or a majority of Board members.

3.Agendas shall be provided at least three days in advance except in the event of an emergency as declared by the Chair.

# VI. Voting

1.(a) A majority of board members constitutes a quorum. (b) In absence of a quorum, no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.

2.Passage of a motion requires a simple majority (ie, one more than half the members present).

## VII. Fiscal Policies

1. The fiscal year of the board shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## VIII. Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-third vote of Board members present at any meeting, provided a quorum is present and provide a copy of the proposed amendment(s) are provided to each Board member at least one week prior to said meeting.